

FROM TEMPOS TO HIGH RISE

It's hard to believe, but we have been in our building ten years. While there is nothing magic about the number ten, it nevertheless affords us an excuse to pause and look around.

For many, the association with the Agency started in this building. Others of us joined the Agency when we were scattered among such locations as 2430 E Street, Tempos I, J, K and L Buildings, Barton and Alcott Halls, and even the Skating Rink on 26th Street.

On the occasion of our tenth anniversary it seems appropriate to look back on whence we came and where we live today. For the old-timers we have a nostalgic selection of photographs of the Agency buildings we were housed in before we moved out here. Since few employees saw our building while it was under construction, we have included a few pictures covering that phase.

In 1955 Congress authorized \$46 million for the construction of a new CIA Headquarters building. The appropriation included \$8.5 million for the extension of the George Washington Memorial Parkway from Spout Run in Arlington, Virginia to the Agency site. Although the extension was authorized by Congress in 1930, funds had not been appropriated until the impetus was provided by the construction of the CIA building.

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Though not required by law, Mr. Dulles submitted the proposed design for the new building for the comment of the National Fine Arts Commission. It enthusiastically endorsed the design prepared by the architectural firms of Harrison and Abramowitz of New York and Frederic R. King. The Central Intelligence Agency moved its headquarters from 2430 E Street in Washington, D.C. to Langley, Virginia in the fall of 1961.